



MINUTES OF THE NASHUA CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

A. Call to order

A regular meeting of the Nashua Conservation Commission was called to order on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM, in Room 208, City Hall, and Second Floor - 229 Main Street.

B. Roll call

Chairman Michael Gallagher, presided;

Members of the Commission Present:

Sherry Dutzy
Donald Cederquist
Brandon Pierotti
Richard Gillespie

Also in Attendance:

Linda Panny, Planning Department
Alderman Schoneman
Gene Porter, LMRLAC

Chairman Gallagher said Ms. Trivilino's term expired and she will not be renewing it due to other work commitments. Mr. Frasca's term also expired. He asked Ms. Panny if Mr. Pierotti was listed as an alternate member.

Commissioner Pierotti said it was not specified in the language used in his appointment at the Board of Aldermen meeting.

Chairman Gallagher said they will need to verify this. He was under the impression that Mr. Pierotti would be taking a full-time membership position.

Chairman Gallagher welcomed Alderman Schoneman.

C. Approval of Minutes

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Commissioner Dutzy said on page 3, "here" should be changed to "there" in the paragraph that begins "The applicant said...". On page 4, "they" should be changed to "the City" under the paragraph begins "Commissioner Gillespie said...". Also on page 4, "Ms. Dutzy" should be changed to "Commissioner Dutzy".

Commissioner Gillespie said on page 1, Nicholas Frasca should be removed as he is no longer a member of the Commission. On page 3, "930ft." should be changed to "930 sq. ft."

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DUTZY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GILLESPIE,
TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2016 MEETING,
AS AMENDED
MOTION CARRIED**

Commissioner Pierotti said they should do a better job identifying who is speaking during the meeting so that it can be specified in the minutes.

- D. New Business—none**
- E. Old Business—none**
- F. Other Business and Updates**

ñ Financial report

Commissioner Dutzy provided a copy of the report to Commissioners. She said the fiscal year begins on July 1st. In the first six months, there were payments to Morin for the Southwest Corridor. There was also ROW fees i.e. purchase of the easement at 10 Groton Rd. for The Nature of Things Academy. The balance is \$1,737,000.

Commissioner Cederquist asked what the consulting fee was.

Commissioner Dutzy said that fee is associated with the NH Forest Society. The \$23,746 expenditure is for the duration of the \$32,000 encumbrance.

Chairman Gallagher said they have the NH Forest Society on retainer.

**MOTION BY CHAIRMAN GALLAGHER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
CEDERQUIST, TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE THE FINANCIAL REPORT
MOTION CARRIED**

ñ LMRLAC

Gene Porter of the LMRLAC introduced himself. He said he had two items to bring to the attention of the Commission. The first item is trails, with attention on the eastern part of the City and shore of the Merrimack River. There is a corridor management plan for the river. He provided documentation to the Commission. He said they need to come up with a plan for construction and maintenance of a continuous trail system and purchase conservation easements along the river. There are conservation and remediation funds available to use to make these purchases. He said the second issue he would like to discuss is the mitigation money from the Beazer East property. The State has informed the City that they cannot use the money for boat ramps or shore side recreational trails. He said he has legal research conducted and determined that this is not correct. There is no legal basis for restricting the use the money to wildlife preservation. With the support of the City and the Commission, they would like to revisit this issue. He thanked the Commissioners for their time and attention.

Chairman Gallagher said the Nashua Conservation Fund can only be increased through properties that are coming out of current use. There is not a lot of this land left, so they are dealing with a relatively tight budget. The Commission needs to be cognizant of this as they plan for the future. He added that the Beazer project needs to come back before the Commission and apply to the Zoning Board.

Mr. Porter asked if a date for the meeting has been set.

Chairman Gallagher said no.

Commissioner Dutzy said she read the Waterways Committee draft report that was completed in 2013. She said she strongly feels that obtaining an easement on the Beazer property should be a high priority. Salmon Brook is also a high priority.

Ñ Election of Officers

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DUTZY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CEDERQUIST, TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER GALLAGHER AS CHAIRMAN
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DUTZY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GALLAGHER, TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER GILLESPIE AS CLERK
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DUTZY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PIEROTTI, TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER CEDERQUIST AS VICE CHAIRMAN
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GALLAGHER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CEDERQUIST, TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER DUTZY AS TREASURER
MOTION CARRIED**

- G. NCC Correspondence and Communications—none**
- H. Items**

Commissioner Dutzy said she has the sign for the Northwest Property.

I. Project Updates by Commissioners

Commissioner Gallagher said a contractor has been selected to construct the boardwalk around Mill Pond. He is committed to starting work mid-February.

- J. Nonpublic Session**
- K. Adjournment**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GILLESPIE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CEDERQUIST, TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

APPROVED:

Richard Gillespie, Clerk, Nashua Conservation Commission

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